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**STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW –**  
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Applicant and Examiner Le Nguyen conducted a teleconference on March 27, 2007. During the teleconference, Applicant and the Examiner Le Nguyen discussed the Office's restriction requirement. During the interview, Applicant submitted the following remarks/arguments to Examiner Le Nguyen:

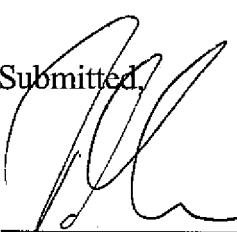
- The Office has identified two general groupings of claims (I-III, V-VII) and (IV, VIII and IX) and argued that these two groupings are distinctive under MPEP 806.05(h),
- However, the Office has *not* provided an explanation as to why each of the identified groups (I-IX) within these two general groupings is distinctive.
- Accordingly, the Office has not met its burden of making a *prima facie* showing (with respect to identified groups I-IX) by providing an "appropriate explanation of separate classification, or separate status in the art, or a different field of search..." as required under MPEP 803.

In response to the above remarks/arguments, Examiner Le Nguyen indicated that Applicant might possibly reduce the number of distinctive groups, as identified by the Office, by modifying some of the claims. Applicant then explained that the Office had not provided an explanation as to why each of the identified groups (I-IX) were distinctive and therefore was Applicant unclear on how it should proceed with attempting to reduce the number of distinctive groups. Unfortunately, Examiner Le Nguyen did not provide any further explanation and simply indicated that the claims could be modified.

Respectfully Submitted,

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